

EDITORIALS

The Need for Trees

Anyone who has crossed the high plains states of Kansas, Nebraska, or the Dakotas, a vast area where one can often see the full horizon without a disrupting tree, can full appreciate the value of the annual observance of Arbor Day, and California's "Plant-a-Tree-Week."

Last Thursday, Torrance area garden clubs and civic groups planted a number of trees—three on the civic center property, and others at schools, city parks and playgrounds while observing the birthday of Luther Burbank, world renowned California naturalist who was an early advocate of tree culture as an aid to holding top soil against the ravages of water and the subsequent prevention of property damage.

Now, even with the present cooperation of commercial and governmental authorities at all levels, much still remains to be done to increase tree planting to prevent and repair damage to our natural resources and the natural beauty of our state.

Trees have a much wider use than soil control and beauty, however.

Highway engineers use trees as sound insulation, and to contain dust and smoke which is prevalent along heavily traveled highways.

Homeowners have found the trees uphold the value of property, and when fully grown, can even affect the temperatures around the home.

Industry has found that shade trees not only beautify unattractive buildings and areas, but furnish a better environment for employees—a fact which has lessened employ turnover and even increased production.

Trees also provide a screen sufficient to eliminate homeowner objections when homes and industrial plants are placed together.

Thursday was the officially proclaimed day to plant trees—but it is never out of season. Look around your yard today. If you have a spot that needs a tree—check with your nurseryman about the best kind for your location, then plant one.

How Many Stacks?

How much is a billion dollars?

A Wall Street Journal correspondent recently figured out that \$1,000,000 if piled up in one stack of \$1000 bills would make a pile 3 1/2 inches high. (That is one thousand \$1000 bills).

We haven't seen many \$1000 bills in our lifetime, but, guessing offhand, we'd say they were about the same thickness as a \$1 bill.

If so, \$1 billion (or one thousand million) would make a stack approximately 300 feet high.

That would make an Elm Ave.—all \$1000 bills—as high as the city water tower on Elm Ave.—all \$1000 bills.

For fun, just try to figure out how many stacks of \$1000 bills as high as the water tower it would take to pay \$7 billion interest due this year on the national debt.

Government Grows

Government in California is growing like all other California enterprises.

The 1956 roster of federal, state, county, and city officials of the State of California compiled by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan ran to 247 pages.

The 1957 roster, released this week by Mr. Jordan, runs to 270 pages—just 23 more pages of government.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

The "nuts behind the wheel" may have their wild impulses checked by 1977, according to a leading traffic official.

We may cuss now at the crazy drivers who zig and zag through traffic and stop signs, and in general, scare the pants off of us, but in 20 years, it may be a different story.

Then the official declared, cars may be equipped with special electronic gear which will govern its speed according to the speed limits and will automatically stop the vehicle at stop signs. Other traffic safety devices may also curb the destructive tendencies of people who pilot the mighty 300-horsepower motors of today.

This may come as a shock to many of the people who like to brag about the horsepower of their cars. In 1977, it won't make much difference how fast a car can go if an electronic governor makes the potential speeder a law-abiding citizen whether he wants to be or not. In fact, the only place where the speed-demon would be able to "let'er loose" would be on deserted country roads.

Just how the automatic stops for stop signs would be arranged wasn't explained, but if the motorist was going at a pretty good clip, he might get a pretty good jolt when he stopped.

While they're working on such devices, the engineers

might consider electronic controls of these traffic hazards which are irritating to me:

1. Invent some device to read the mind of the driver and prevent him from making the wrong signal when he or she is going to turn.

2. Think of something to make the car turn signals work before the driver intends to turn, not while he is turning.

3. Perfect something to prevent drivers from turning left from the right lane or right from the left lane.

4. Create something which will stop cars from driving down the center of the white line.

5. Design a gadget to keep drivers who go only 10 miles an hour out of the center lanes on freeways.

6. Erect electronic barriers to prevent the zig-zaggers from zigging in front of other cars, cutting them off.

7. Prevent cars from getting flat tires, right in the middle of busy freeways.

8. Halt pedestrians who jaywalk in the middle of traffic.

The best invention of all, however, would be the creation of something which would make cars repel each other, like a magnet in reverse. That way, there could not be any traffic accidents.

Some day, scientists predict, cars may not need drivers all the time. They will just need somebody to push a button, indicating where the drivers want to go and the car will do the rest. Isn't progress great!

Long, Long Trail Awinding



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm so embarrassed it's difficult to put my letter into words, but I'll do my best.

I've been married eight years to a wonderful man. We have wanted a baby for so long it's become an obsession with me. There have been days when I've thought of nothing else.

Three months ago I was overjoyed—I thought I was pregnant. I had all the usual symptoms and accepted congratulations from everybody. I want you to know, Mrs. Landers, I gained 12 pounds and even had morning sickness. My husband was thrilled.

Last week I went to the doctor. He told me I was not pregnant and suggested I have the tumor removed at once.

Have you ever heard of this happening to a young one else? Please say something to make me feel better. I can't face my family or friends. I feel like the world's biggest fool.—Not P.G.

Yes, I've heard of this happening to someone else and often it isn't even a tumor—just plain hysteria.

The mind can play all sorts of tricks on the body. In your case the strong desire to have a baby may have combined with the tumor to give you false hope. If it will make you feel better to know it, many women have had this sort of a job in reverse. What they believed to be a tumor turned out to be Junio.

In any case, whether the tumor turned out to be a baby or the baby was really a tumor, there's no reason to be ashamed. You did nothing wrong. Next time check with the doctor before you start to knit tiny garments or give your husband the go sign to hand out cigars.

Dear Ann: I'm a junior in the university and a psychology major. You're just the one who can help me with my problem.

I want to do a term paper on marriage. There's plenty of material around on this subject but none of it is very current. Times are changing and I don't want to write a paper based on dated material.

Every day you hear from people who are having trouble with marriage. I can think of no one better qualified than Ann Landers to jot down about 500 words on this subject. You understand, just a rough outline will do. Thanks, Doll.—Big Ern.

Just a "rough outline" of 500 words, eh? Sure you don't want me to sit down and type out the finished term paper on regulation paper?

The line forms at the left, Ern. I always know when term paper time rolls around because the letters start to pour in from other optimis-

tic students who have the same bright idea.

Look, kids, there's a nice library right on campus. The information there is plenty current. Be my guest.—The Doll.

Dear Ann: I'm 30 years old and have been going with a girl 21 for two years. The wedding date is set for June and we have all the furniture bought and paid for. The hall has been rented for the wedding.

Now she tells me she wants two months to date other fellows to make sure I'm the one she wants for life. I'm so upset I don't know whether to let her have the two months or say the heck with it and give her the rest of her life to run around if she wants to. Please tell me what to do, Ann. I've never been so mixed up in my life.—Joey.

Give her the two months to "look around" and make it plain the streetcar will be running both ways. Tell her you'll be looking, too.

An engagement is a promise to wed. But it's far better to air the doubts during this period than to take them to the altar and THEN look around.

Don't let some paid-for-furniture and a rented hall push you to insist on sticking to the time-table. If she isn't certain the marriage is right how can you expect it to work? An unsure bride makes a very poor wife.

Confidentially: YOUNG COUPLE: Live within your means and stop the foolishness. A sure way to lose your shirt is to put too much on the cuff.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the TEAM and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.) (© 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.)

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

Jack Gordon has a rich relative. But Jack says: "I pay no attention whatsoever to his money. He won't give me any of it and I haven't been able to take it away."

Gymnasium guff: "G'wan, y'bum, you couldn't punch your way out of a paper bag." Second pug: "So who wants to make like an onion?"

Cat's meow: "Dearie, why don't you wear two-toned make-up for your two faces?"

So tell me, just tell me, if this is a free country why do I have to pay for everything?

Sign on a restaurant: "Recommended by Allison." I asked the waitress: "I've heard of restaurants being recommended by Duncan Hines, but never by Allison. Who is he?" She replied: "He's the owner."

Night club patter: "Have you seen a young one you owe lately?"

A reader inquires: "Dear Mr. Glazer. My dental plates are loose and I'm constantly annoyed. What should I do?" Answer: It's silly to be annoyed. Get on the Amateur Hour and imitate a buck and wing dance.

"Sir," said the TV salesman, "this TV set is guaranteed not to interfere with your neighbor's reception." "Dad blast it!" rapped the customer, "I want a set that will prevent my neighbor's from interfering with MY reception."

On a Screen Gems' movie set, young John Smith leaped gallantly on his golden Palomino and rode away in a

cloud of dust—straight to the wardrobe master to sew up the breeches he had split wide open when he jumped on the horse.

Five Texans were on a safari. Their guide warned: "We must remain friendly with the natives. If they say Africa is bigger than Texas, humor them and let them think they're right."

The young Japanese lad understood very little English. His boss told him: "Your job is to keep the house in order. Remember, a place for everything, and everything in its place." The next day, the employer found the house in a shamble. Smiling, the young Japanese domestic pointed proudly around and said: "Everything every-place."

Dizzy Dean was held up and robbed a few years ago. Next day, he received a box of neckties with this note: "Dear Diz: I didn't know it was you. Sorry. Here are some neckties." Suspecting the ties were stolen merchandise, the famous ex-baseballer refused to wear them. Instead, he passed them out to the umpires.

Pride? Why that's something that makes you do your best when nobody is watching.

There's one thing I can say in favor of folks who constantly tell me about their troubles. It doesn't leave me any time to think about my own troubles.

Young lady, if you want to marry him get on his lap, not on his nerves.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Yesterday's rains reminded a lady we know of a recent experience she had—which still has her family and neighbors hooting.

A couple of weeks ago when it rained so hard during the night, the lady was awakened by the downpour, and she picked up the telephone and called her husband who had just started on his new job.

"Honey, do you know it's raining?" she asked him. He reminded her gently that his new job was at the weather station at International Airport.

Torrance is growing up. Our friend, J. H. Paget, of the J. J. Newberry Store here emphasized the point this week when he announced that Torrance shoppers now could get a personal charge plate for the store which puts credit shopping at home on a par with "up town." I wasn't going to mention it to my wife, but "Padge" took care of that—he sent her an application in the mail. No need to keep it secret now.

Don't know what I've done to deserve it, but I got a most wonderful gift this week from the boys and girls of the 223rd St. Elementary School. After tree-planting ceremonies there Friday, Photographer Milt Svenski came back to the office with a beautiful potted jonquil (or perhaps it's a daffodil) with two pretty yellow blossoms on it. A card addressed to me was signed by the boys and girls of the school.

We've had a little chat with Alex McJannett and Roy Constance about the Local 1414 Steelworkers anniversary party here next Thursday evening. If their enthusiasm carries over into the evening's activities, I'm here to tell you it will be some affair. If you can get out of the house Thursday, the Civic Auditorium should be a lively spot for about three hours.



"If you can buy it for a song, the first thing to do is find out what the pitch is." —Barry Sullivan.

"Behind every successful man there's a woman—and she usually catches him." —George Shearing.

"If you don't like your lot, build on it." —Ed Harding.

"A baby's slightest whimper wakes the mother. What slows things up is her rousing the father to see about it." —Hal Chadwick.

"Old Saw Rewritten: If a man makes a better mousetrap, the Internal Revenue Service will beat a path to his door." —Changing Times.

"A friend is someone you can always count on to count on you." —Francis Perier.

"Many an attractive dish has ruined a guy's digestion." —Robert Q. Lewis.

"We should be content with what we have, but never with what we are." —Channing Pollock.



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

This reporter has been an eye-witness to the turbulent ten-year history of the State of Israel. That it has grown and developed to its present stature is the miracle of our generation. Probably no new state in modern times has experienced the frontier belligerency of every state along its borders... the trade discriminations... the violence against its citizens and a general controversy over its right to exist as a nation among millions of its neighbors.

In more than twenty trips in and out of the Middle East during the existence of Israel, we have not seen or heard of one day of real peace in Palestine. For some 1,800,000 Israeli citizens it has been touch and go, with the constant threat of invasion or infiltration from all sides.

This is not to suggest that Israel has been without blame. The very creation of Israel itself was an invitation to chaos, for the Arab-Moslem world was deceived by foreign powers, and the duplicity involved since the origin of the Balfour declaration is indeed a sordid page in power politics.

Nevertheless, the State of Israel was created and given legal status by the world community except the Arab-Moslem bloc... and it would appear that since this became a fact, compromise and understanding would resolve the differences toward a peaceful solution. That this has not happened is not entirely the fault of Israel or the Arab world. For another foreign power... Russia... has moved into the Middle East in an attempt to fill the vacuum created by the decline of British and French power and prestige.

To understand Israel's present demands for guarantees to her frontiers, one needs to review some of the highlights of her experiences during the past ten years and the inability and indifference of the United Nations and the western powers to keep the peace.

In November, 1947, the United Nations partitioned Palestine into a Jewish state, an Arab state, and internationalized the city of Jerusalem. The partition was to come into force immediately upon termination of the British mandate on May 15, 1948. In this resolution the UN cautioned that "any attempt to alter by force the settlement envisaged will be regarded as a threat to peace."

Just three days after this announcement, on December 2, 1947, Arabs attacked Jews throughout Palestine. Followed by attacks by regular Arab armies from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. This was the beginning of one of the most tragic chapters of modern time in the Middle East, and its intensity and horror has continued to this day.

By March, 1948, Jerusalem was besieged by Arabs who murdered and robbed Jewish citizens and cut off the city from the coast. The National Council of Palestine Jews... Vaad Leumi, as it was called at that time... set up the provincial organs of the new State of Israel in accordance with the UN resolution and established a defense force against the Arab attacks. By April the first organized Jewish force... Nakshon... broke through the Arab lines and entered Jerusalem with food and arms for the besieged Jewish population. By the end of the month the newly organized Jewish defense force... the Haganah... defeated the Arab Yarmuk Army at Mishmar Haemek and later entered Haifa.

It was from Haifa that the first Arab refugee evacuation took place at the persuasion of Arab leaders who feared Jewish reprisals against the Arab citizens.

On May 14, 1948, the UN General Assembly met in an emergency session because of the Palestine war, but rejected an Israel proposal for UN control of Jerusalem. On the same day the World Zionist organization proclaimed the re-establishment of Medinat Yisrael... the State of Israel... officially and named David Ben-Gurion as its first

prime minister, which he still holds.

Immediately on the same afternoon, probably by previous negotiations, the United States recognized the State of Israel, as the regular armies of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria attacked Israel from five sides. On May 18, Russia recognized Israel and the UN Security Council ordered a cease fire, which was rejected by the Arab states.

On January 13, 1949, Egypt opened negotiations with Israel for an armistice on the Island of Rhodes, followed by similar armistice agreements with Jordan, Lebanon, Syria. On May 18, Israel was admitted to the United Nations. During 1950 over 170,000 new Jewish immigrants came to Israel and were established in 100 new communities through the assistance of the U. S. Point Four program. By June, 1951, a new dispute arose between Israel and Syria over the "Huleh Drainage Canal," and after several months of sporadic violence the UN Security Council settled the controversy.

During this period over 200,000 Jews entered Israel from the Arab states, principally from Iraq. By the summer of 1951, Israel brought the issue of the Egyptian blockade of Israeli ships from passage in the Suez Canal to the United Nations, which called on Egypt to terminate the blockade. Egypt refused and for nearly six years the UN has been unable to enforce its decision.

In September, 1952, Israel and Germany finally agreed on the payments of \$822,000,000 as indemnity for the losses suffered by Jewish citizens as a result of the Nazi seizure of their properties, to be paid in twelve annual installments. After the first payment was made, Israel released \$2,800,000 of blocked Arab refugee funds in Israel banks to relieve their suffering.

From the conclusion of the Israel-Arab agreements in 1949 through March, 1954, over 500 Jewish citizens were killed and several thousand wounded in border incidents. Arab claims for the same period, which we noted on the spot, came to 2000 Arabs killed and 5000 wounded. After various attempts to bring Israel and the Arab states, the UN ordered members of the original armistice commission to Palestine for a comprehensive on-the-spot report. The UN report revealed that both Arabs and Jews were guilty of violations and atrocities against each other.

Through 1954 and 1955 repeated raids from the Egyptian controlled Gaza Strip against Israel took place by the Arab Fedayeen, composed of fanatical Arab refugees from Palestine. Water pipe lines were blown up, reservoirs contaminated and many hundreds of Israeli and Arab citizens lost their lives. The UN truce supervisors accused both sides of violations.

Report after report to the Security Council of the imbalance of major hostilities brought no tangible results. The sale of arms to Egypt by Russia increased the tensions, which culminated in the attack on Egypt by Israel, Britain and France in the fall of last year.

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